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REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration.

The Examiner continues to reject the claims, relying primarily upon U.S. Patent No. 6,502,984.

This reference describes that at least two cameras may be used to obtain information regarding the position from where the radiation image was taken. The reference describes that the visible image photographing means can be used to determine the posture of the subject. See column 16, line 60 through column 17, line 8. It is unclear whether any position information is determined solely from radiographic image photographing means 71. However, assuming it is, then perhaps the Examiner is interpreting the reference to have a table such as that shown below.

Posture 1	Visible Image Camera	Processing condition A
Posture 2	Visible Image Camera	Processing condition B
Field Size 1	Radiographic Image Camera	Processing Condition C
Field Size 2	Radiographic Image Camera	Processing Condition D

In the above table, the last two rows are somewhat fictional. That is, column 16, lines 42-59 of Ogura et al. does not indicate that the field size is determined only by the radiographic image camera. However, the last two rows are included above to illustrate how the Examiner may be viewing the reference.

In the (somewhat imaginary) table, processing conditions A and B correspond only with visible image camera, and processing conditions C and D correspond only with the radiographic image camera. Even assuming that Ogura et al. used a table such as that shown above, independent claim 1, for example, requires a image processing section to read from the image processing condition storing section the image processing condition that corresponds to the photography device used to obtain the radiation image. In the above table, the visible image camera is never used to obtain the radiation image.

Thus, the first two rows of the above table are irrelevant to the claimed invention.

As argued previously, the independent claims refer to a plurality of photography devices.

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If the first two rows of the above table are eliminated, then only the last two rows remain. With only the last two rows, the reference does not disclose image processing conditions that corresponding respectively to various photography devices.

In addition to the above, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite an image processing condition storing section to store tables each providing one of a plurality of image processing conditions associated with one of various photography devices and targets. Antecedent support for this claim amendment can be found, for example, in tables 1-3 shown at pages 21-23 of the specification. The Examiner cites column 16, line 60 through column 17, line 8. However, this portion of the reference merely describes the case comprising a visible image photography means 7D2, which is the only photograph device mentioned at this portion of the reference. However, the cited portion fails to disclose anything related to image processing conditions respectively associated with different photography devices. This feature is made more definite in amended claim 1, which now recites "tables each providing one of a plurality of image processing conditions associated with one of various photography devices and targets." Ogura et al. fails to disclose the features related to the table recited in claim 1.

The other independent claims have been amended to clarify that each image processing condition corresponds to a single photography device. Ogura et al. does not disclose these features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the prior art rejections should be withdrawn. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courtesy solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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